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Applicant: Lehoux, *et al.* Examiner: Layla Bland  
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Title: A SIMPLIFIED METHOD TO RETRIEVE CHITOSAN FROM  
ACIDIC SOLUTIONS THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**WRITTEN ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.27(a)(2)**  
**SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

The undersigned hereby asserts entitlement to small entity status as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.27(a)(2) on behalf of **SOCIETE DE COMMERCIALISATION DES PRODUITS DE LA RECHERCHE APPLIQUE - SOCPRA SCIENCES SANTE ET HUMAINES S.E.C.**

This assertion is made on the ground that **SOCIETE DE COMMERCIALISATION DES PRODUITS DE LA RECHERCHE APPLIQUE - SOCPRA SCIENCES SANTE ET HUMAINES S.E.C.** is a concern

(a) whose number of employees, including affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons;  
and

(b) that *has not* assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the above-referenced patent application to any party who does not qualify for small entity status either as a person, a small business concern, or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR §1.27, as set forth in 13 CFR §121.802.

Respectfully Submitted,



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